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215 Candidates Pass Winter 2016 Washington State Bar Exam

Test takers earned a 58.6% overall pass rate

SEATTLE, WA [April 8, 2016] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announced that 215 candidates passed the bar exam administered in February 2016. Of the 367 candidates who took the exam, 58.6 percent passed. Administered over a two-day period, the bar exam is a substantive law exam that includes multiple choice, essay and performance questions. A separate exam on professional responsibility (the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam or MPRE), and a separate educational component and exam addressing specific areas of Washington law (the Washington Law Component), are also required to qualify for admission.

By comparison, 238 candidates passed the bar exam administered in February 2015. Of the 362 candidates who took that exam, 65.7 percent passed.

See the full pass list on our website. Passage percentages are given below.

Winter 2016 Washington State Bar Exam Statistics:

Overall Pass Rates

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	162	124	286	56.6%
APR 6 Law Clerk	2	6	8	25.0%
U.S. Attorneys	36	5	41	87.8%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	14	15	29	48.3%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	1	1	2	50.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	0	1	1	0.0%
Total	215	152	367	**58.6%**

First Time

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	113	47	160	70.6%
APR 6 Law Clerk	2	2	4	50.0%
U.S. Attorneys	34	4	38	89.5%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	9	11	20	45.0%
Foreign Common Law Attorney	1	1	2	50.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	0	1	1	0.0%
Total	159	66	225	**70.7%**

Repeaters

Applicant Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	49	77	126	38.9%
APR 6 Law Clerk	0	4	4	0.0%
U.S. Attorneys	2	1	3	66.7%
Foreign/LLM Graduate	5	4	9	55.6%

Foreign Common Law Attorney	0	0	0	0.0%
Non-ABA JD/ABA LLM	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	56	86	142	**39.4%**

The average UBE score total was 275.47; the required passing score was 270.

About the Washington State Bar Association
The WSBA is authorized by the Washington State Supreme Court to license the state's 37,200 lawyers. The WSBA both regulates lawyers under the authority of the Court and serves its members as a professional association — all without public funding. The WSBA's mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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